(e) whether any other scientist has since recruited to assist this project abroad, if so, the details thereof; and

(0 what steps are being taken by Government to see that men associated with sensitive areas are not allowed to take up foreign assignment on the eve of retirement ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DEPTT. OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPTT. OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) Comparative study of the experiences in commercialisation of research based technologies is one part of the UNDP approved project on Improving Technology Transfer through Strengthened Interaction between the Research Community, Interface Agencies and Public and Private Enterprises'. The project team includes a Main Project Scientist, who is a very distinguished scientist possessing knowledge of technology situation in India, located at Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburg. The project duration is for thirty months. The High Level Review Committee of the UNDP project welcomed the choice of the former Scientific Adviser to the Raksha Mantri to be the Main Project Scientist.

(d) The United Nations Development Pro gramme (UNDP) High Technology Review Workshop was held in Bangalore on 13th and 14th February, 92. The issues broadly discussed were:

> Technology development under new economic policies of India, technology development niche for India in global economy, the best methods for technology development and role of UNDP i ? technology development in India. The Workshop was attended by about twenty participants including emminent scientists, technologists economists, and UNDP and Government officials.

(e) The project work at Carnegie Mellon University is served by a few personnel on the basis of short-term and long-term requirements.

During 1992, six experts in the areas of materials and technology transfer issues con tributed to the project In addition, a few more Indian scientists associate themselves with the project through brief visits.

(0 There are existing Government guidelines to regulate assignment of personnel associated with sensitive areas.

U.S. dicision to stop funding science and technology project

2246. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN :
SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U. S. Government have decided to stop funding science and technology project in India that would lead to commercially marketable process and products:

(b) whether this decision is due to the lack of progress on talks for changing the Indian patent laws to ensure protection of intellectual property rights;

(c) if so, the number of projects likely to be suffered due to the U.S. decision; and

(d) what is the number of total projects being funded by U.S.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DEPTT. OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPTT. OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d) Since October 5,1989, the LIS. Government have been reviewing all new or expanded cooperative bilateral Science and Technology projects in the light of their position on Intellectual property rights. The U.S. Government's position stems from bilateral differences on the issue of patent protection. The issue of Intellectual property protection is under discussion in the context of the negotiations on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights and Trade in Counterfeit Goods (TRIPS) at the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations under GATT.

2. Over 75 Indo-US collaborative projects are currently under implementation. Collaborative Projects approved before October 5, 1989 have not been affected. However, project proposals submitted after this date which the US Government have assessed to have Intellectual property implications have not been cleared.

Export of indigenous technology by Indian Space Programme

2247. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Indian Space Programme